

**Testimony Concerning HB 5293**  
**Environment Committee, March 14, 2022**  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support for HB 5293, An Act Prohibiting the Use of Wild or Exotic Animals in Traveling Animal Acts with an Amendment.

This bill provides needed protection for certain animals such as camels, elephants, and tigers, by removing them from traveling entertainment shows such as circuses. It has been well documented those animals are trained using inhumane practices, forced to perform tricks and acts not natural to them and have little or no protection in existing laws. Also please support an amendment on line 33 to remove "includes any animal that is not domesticated". Some exhibitors will use that language as a loophole to exclude from the bill's scope wild animals bred, born or raised in captivity.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will support this important legislation.

Thank you,

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